



PATENT

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3627

In RE application of M. Nishida et al.

Serial No.: 09/940,924

Group Art Unit: 3627

Filed: August 29, 2001

Examiner: L. JASMIN

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANAGING CONSUMER GOODS  
USED IN AN ANALYZER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.

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SMALL ENTITY	
Rate	Additional Fee
x 9	\$
x 42	\$
+ 140	\$
Total	\$

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Rate	Additional Fee
x 18	\$ 0
x 84	\$ 0
+ 280	\$ 0
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- ☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- ☒ Any Extension of Time fees that are necessary, which are hereby requested if necessary.

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REPLY

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

June 23, 2005

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed December 23, 2004,  
please amend the above application as set forth below. A  
Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time accompanies this  
Reply.